Construction of a Bridge across Kapila River near Suttur in Nanjangud Taluk.

*Q.—386. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Biligere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge across Kapila near Suttur in Nanjangud Taluk ;

(b) if so, the cost of the estimate prepared and when the work is to be started ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a lakh of rupees is allotted in the year 1962 towards the construction of the bridges ;

(d) if so, why no work has been done so far ;

(e) whether they intend to undertake at least now to construct the said bridge in view of its importance in linking up two Hoblies of Nanjangud Taluk, Biligere and Chatra Hoblies ?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The estimated cost is about Rs. 12,00,000 and the work can be started after it is provided in the Budget and sanctioned.

(c) Yes, subject to financial clearance.

(d) On account of the demand for a regular bridge, the original proposal for a submersible bridge is changed and an alternative site is being surveyed and the estimate is under preparation.

(e) This will be considered.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—Supplementary to (b) : May I know whether the estimate of Rs. 12 lakhs is for a submersible bridge or for a regular bridge ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—It is for a submergible bridge and not for a regular bridge.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—In spite of alloting Rs. 1 lakh, why is the work not taken up ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Meanwhile the people demanded a regular bridge and so we had to change it.

Sri D. M. SIDDIAH.—Who are the persons who appealed to the Government to have a regular bridge ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—I cannot give the names.

Post of Marathi Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector in North Kanara District.

*Q.—337. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether it is a fact that the post of Marathi Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector in the North Kanara District is lying vacant since three and a half years ?

A.—Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—

No.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Who is that person who is holding that post ?

† Sri S. R. KANTHI.—One V. B. Anwakar.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Is it a fact that formerly the post for the Marathi area was held by a person who could read, write and who had education in Marathi only ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಕಂಠಿ.—ಅನ್ವೇಕರ್‌ರವರಿಗೆ ಮರಾಠಿ ಓದುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ, ಬರೆಯುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಮರಾಠಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯೂ ಆಗಿದೆ.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Is it not a fact that for the last so many years till Miss Nayak was working there and that the post was held exclusively by a person who had Education in Marathi only ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—It is not exclusively true. Of Course, we tried to post those persons who knew Marathi.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Why that practice has been given up ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—No practice has been given up.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know how many Marathi schools are there in North Kanara District ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I cannot give that information.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Why that particular principle of appointing an A.E.I. who had education in Marathi was given up ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Sri Anwekar is from that District. He knows Marathi quite well.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Had he education in Marathi ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I have information that he knows Marathi quite well.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Can he read and write Marathi ?

(*No reply*)

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—According to my information, there are three hundred Marathi schools in North Karnara District scattered throughout the District ? May I know whether one A.E.I. would suffice for all the Marathi schools scattered throughout the District ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—There are in all in the Bombay Karnatak area 450 primary schools in Marathi. How can there be 300 in one District alone ?

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—The Hon'ble Minister is not giving a correct answer. In Belgaum itself, there are more than 500 Marathi schools.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The grievance is that he does not know Marathi. The Minister says that he knows Marathi.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—My point is one A.E.I. is not sufficient for the whole District.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I entirely agree that it is quite correct. But it does not arise out of the main question.

Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR.—May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that this particular person Anwekar is anti-Marathi ? We have received complaints that he has been discouraging students from attending Marathi classes ?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—He knows Marathi quite well and he knows Kannada also.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—This particular person is particularly spotted out with some ulterior motive.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has been answered.

Acreage of Land irrigated Under the Dam at Vani Vilas Sagar.

*Q.—349. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the acreage of land capable of irrigation under the Dam at Vani Vilas Sagar ;

(*b*) the actual acreage of land irrigated under it at present ;

(*c*) whether they are examining the scheme for the diversion of flood waters of Yagachi River in Hassan District to Vedavathi River in Hiriyur Taluk to augment the resources for the above dam ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that if the above scheme is implemented, it will bring in a large extent of land both in Belur Taluk in Hassan District and Hiriyur Taluk in Chitradurga District under irrigation ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) 25,000 acres.
(*b*) About 21,500 acres.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) Yes.

Sri GANJI VEERAPPA.—May I know whether any concrete steps have been taken by the Government and whether any estimates have been been prepared and if so, how much ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—This is rather and complicated business and thorough investigation is being undertaken and it is practically coming to an end. Other alternative places are being mentioned. That is also examined.

Sri GANJI VEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that by this scheme, Belur Taluk and Hiriyur Taluk will be benefited ?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಹಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಒದಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?